

INITIAL DRAFT REPORT OF EXISTING BASELINE CONDITIONS



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Outline of Presentation for Initial Draft Report of Existing Baseline Conditions

- ⌘ **Purpose of Existing Conditions Baseline
for EIR Preparation**

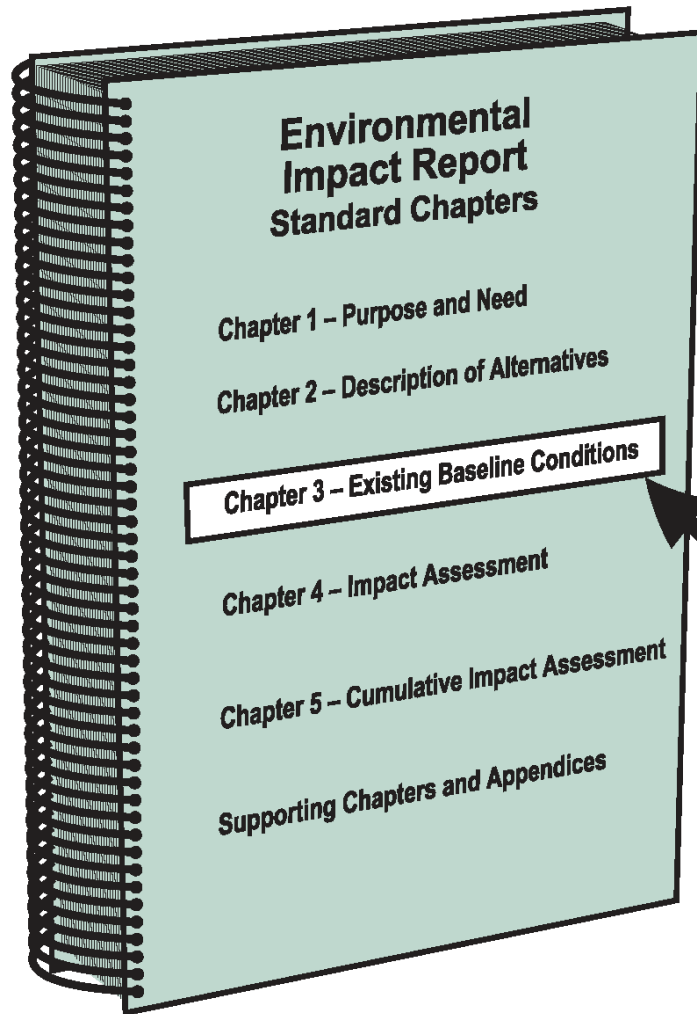
- ⌘ **Study Area**

- ⌘ **Data Intensive Issue Areas considered in
this Report**

- ⌘ **Need for Missing Information**

- ⌘ **Work in Progress - Continuing to Collect
and Compile Information**

Existing Baseline Conditions Will Be Part of the EIR



Introductory Chapters
and Impact Assessment
Chapters Will Be
Prepared in the Future

Existing Baseline
Conditions Report Will
Become Part of the EIR

Development of Initial Draft Report of Existing Baseline Conditions

⌘ Initial Report

- ☑ Compiled existing readily available information to minimize duplication of effort
- ☑ Identified missing information

⌘ Next Steps

- ☑ Contact potential sources of missing information, such as University of Redlands, CSU, San Diego...
- ☑ Determine additional data needs

⌘ Future modifications based on final set of alternatives

Initial Study Area

⌘ **Primary emphasis on Salton Sea Watershed**

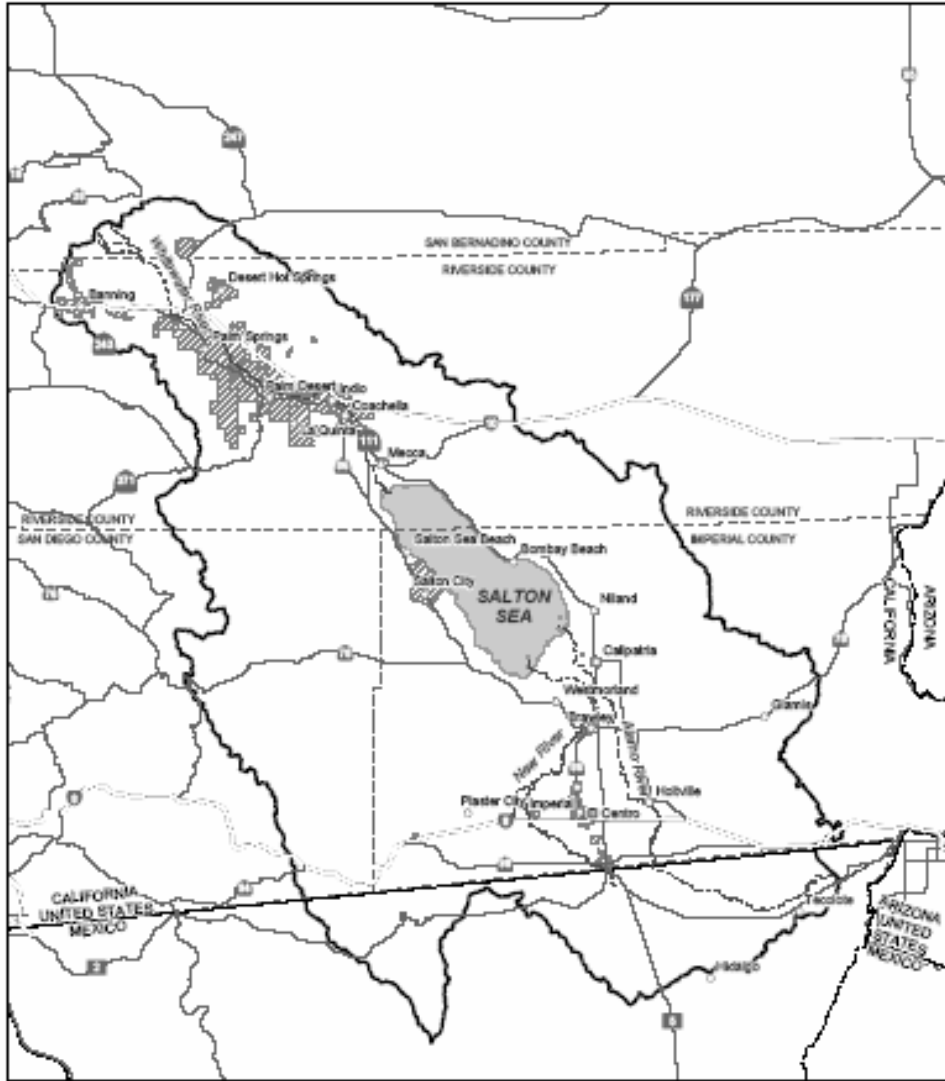
⌘ **Surrounding areas of the Salton Sea**

- ☒ Areas that contribute inflow to the Salton Sea
- ☒ Areas that contribute habitat used by wildlife at the Salton Sea
- ☒ Areas that are directly related to human resource use of the Salton Sea

⌘ **Limited consideration of Colorado River**

- ☒ Hydrology of Colorado River watershed
- ☒ Areas used by migratory waterfowl that also use the Salton Sea

Primary Study Area for Ecosystem Management Plan



Study Period in Existing Baseline Conditions

⌘ **CEQA requires description of conditions at the start of Scoping Process**

☑ Late 2003 - Early 2004

⌘ **Baseline Conditions description includes limited historical information to provide understanding of existing conditions**

☑ Further definition of historical trends in other documents

⌘ **Future projections addressed in development of No Action Alternative**

Issue Areas in Initial Draft Report

⌘ **Physical Resources**

- ☒ Surface Water, Groundwater, Geology, Soils, Air Quality

⌘ **Biological Resources**

⌘ **Human Resources**

- ☒ Land Uses, Recreation, Socioeconomics, Cultural Resources

⌘ **More detailed reports being prepared**

- ☒ Selenium, Air Quality, and Fish

⌘ **Additional information to be collected**

- ☒ Seismic, Groundwater, Recreation, Local Communities, Tribal Trusts

Summary

- ⌘ **Initial Draft Report for Existing Baseline Conditions - work in progress and tool to use for collection of additional information**
- ⌘ **Existing Baseline Conditions will be constantly updated throughout EIR preparation**
- ⌘ **Additional in-depth analysis being completed for specific issue areas**